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This is a short story on overcoat detail. We'll pass over all about the propriety of the styles, and the fit, and the superiority, and the variety of sizes, and the material, and so on, and come right down, or rather up, to a little **Shoulder Wisdom**. All garments made by Crouse & Brandegee, Manufacturing Tailors, Utica, New York, are made with **Concave Shoulders** and close-fitting collar. The result of this is very apparent. These overcoats show it at a glance. When you get before the mirror you will notice it even more. It doesn't look padded. Some shoulders look as though made by the upholsterer, but there is none of that in ours. It looks clean-cut, well-built and gives the shoulders an added breadth, but withal attractive. The secret lies in the making. The same, too, with the entire garment. The care that's put in the shoulders is put in "all over," and thus the genuine goodness.



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CITY'S DEBT SHOWS BIG REDUCTION

Excess of Liabilities During Past Two Years Has Been Materially Lessened by Officials.

Financial Condition Shows Up in Gratifying Manner in the Quarterly Reports.

SAVING MORE THAN \$17,000

Total Indebtedness Now is Only \$171,000, Compared With \$188,000 This Time Two Years Ago.

Astoria's debt has been reduced during the past two years by \$17,000, according to the financial reports of Auditor Anderson and Treasurer Dealey, which were filed yesterday and presented to the council last night. There was no report for the year ending September 30, 1902, and it is impossible to state the reduction for the past year. The showing is an excellent one and speaks well for the various departments of the city government. The following statement shows the financial condition of city September 30, 1901, and September 30, 1903:

September 30, 1901--
Liabilities \$226,444. 13
Resources 37,926. 29

Excess of Liabilities \$188,517. 84
September 30, 1903--
Liabilities \$215,629. 06
Resources 44,148. 93

Excess of liabilities \$171,480. 13
Both reports are for the quarter just ended. The treasurer's report shows the following condition of the city treasury:

Cash on hand July 1 \$24,489. 12
Receipts for quarter 15,697. 42

Total cash on hand \$28,186. 61
Disbursements during the quarter were as follows, according to the treasurer's report:

General fund \$ 7,174. 85
Street repair fund 879. 43
Bond interest fund 3,609. 22
Street improvement fund 5,202. 38
Bonds and coupons 360. 00
Interest 292. 31

Total \$17,518. 22
The balance of cash on hand September 30 is thus shown to have been \$10,668. 39.

Auditor Anderson's report shows the city's resources and liabilities to be as follows:

Liabilities--
Municipal bonds outstanding except street bonds \$172,050. 00
Municipal street bonds 8,480. 11
General fund warrants 16,576. 45
Street repair warrants 194. 05
Street improvement warrants 17,328. 45

Total \$215,629. 06
Resources--

Street and sewer assessments \$28,489. 12
Cash on hand 10,668. 39

Total \$44,148. 93

Auditor Anderson stated yesterday that he had included in his estimate of outstanding street and sewer assessments only those accounts which could be collected, so that the showing made by his report is fully as satisfactory as it appears to be.

INSANE PASSENGER.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.--Charles Fletcher, a laborer passenger on the steamer Umatilla, just arrived here from Puget sound ports, became violently insane shortly after the vessel left Tacoma. He was put under restraint and confined below, but managed to again reach the deck, where he clambered to the bridge and was allowed to stay there until the ship reached port. On arrival here he was sent to the Central hospital.

COLLIDED WITH STREET CAR.

St. Louis, Oct. 5.--While running at full speed in response to an alarm of fire, a fire-truck, containing six firemen, collided with a swiftly moving street car at Ninth and Carr streets at 2:30 o'clock this morning and all the firemen were hurt, one probably fatally. The street car was thrown from the track by the terrific impact, but the few persons on board were not hurt. The fire-truck was overturned.

INSANE FIREMAN RUNS AMUCK.

New York, Oct. 5.--The passage of the American line steamship Westernland, which has reached this port from London, was marked, says a dispatch from Philadelphia, by one day of wild excitement. Among the firemen shipped for the voyage was John Greening. On September 25 he suddenly flung down his shovel, after complaining of the heat and, leaving the stove hole, rushed up to the main deck. Here he drew a big clasp knife and began to

run amuck among the terrified steerage passengers, calling out that he wanted rum and would kill any one who refused to let him have it. A petty officer, calling to a couple of sailors to help, started to catch the infuriated maniac, but Greening was as quick as a cat. The delirium seemed to lend him an extraordinary agility. Hastily avoiding his pursuers, he bounded up to the after deck and flung his knife back at the bewildered onlookers, took a flying leap over the railing into the sea. Captain Morley ordered the engines reversed and spent sometime in searching for the body, but without avail.

NO PIE SHORTAGE.

New York, Oct. 5.--At the weekly meeting of the Central Federated Union, the pleasant news was made public that there will be no pie famine hereabouts. A delegate from the Pie Salesman's Union announced that the threatened strike had been averted through the employers granting the union's scale of \$14 a week and other concessions.

CONSUL M'LAIN DEAD.

New York, Oct. 5.--Thomas J. McLain, United States consul here, is dead, says a Herald dispatch from Nassau, N. P. He recently suffered a paralytic stroke and had since been growing worse. McLain held this consulate 25 years and was a native of Warren, O. He was 65 years of age. Before entering the consular service he was connected with several Ohio newspapers.

POOL MAKERS LOST BIG SUM

The Fiddler, 20 to 1, Nets \$600,000 for Backers.

New York, Oct. 5.--Morris Park bookmakers are brooding over the result of the last race on Saturday's program. The Fiddler won, and, if current reports are to be credited at all, the bookmakers here and scores of poolroom proprietors throughout the country wish they had never heard of The Fiddler. Odds of 20 to 1 were posted at the track against the gelding's chances, because, so far as known, he had never shown form which should have made him at all prominent in the running. Small sums were placed judiciously about the betting ring so that the odds did not recede. Meanwhile, it is alleged that heavy bets were placed in the poolrooms about the country and the bets were eagerly snapped up because telegraphic reports from the track showed no change in the odds and the layers were not at all worried as to the possibility of The Fiddler coming in first.

Members of the bookmakers' association estimate that more than half a million dollars was cleared up on the result. As the play at the track is abnormally heavy on Saturday and the half holiday crowd generally places much money on the "long shots," it is quite possible that the estimated winnings in this city alone of \$400,000 may be somewhat near correct. Chicago poolrooms are said to have lost \$100,000. St. Louis, \$100,000; San Francisco, \$10,000; Louisville, \$15,000 and smaller sums elsewhere. It is stated that the stewards of the Westchester Racing Association will begin at once a rigid investigation into the running of the race and the identity of the winner. The Fiddler was brought here not long ago from the west and his history until Saturday's race has been rather uneventful, for, generally, he was nearer last than first in his races.

CHASED WITH TROLLEY CAR

Policeman Uses It to Overhaul Alleged Murderer.

New York, Oct. 5.--Fearing that an alleged murderer would escape, a policeman from W. Thirty-seventh street station took possession of an electric car on Seventh avenue, and, after a chase of five blocks during which the car was run at top speed, he overtook the fugitive and arrested him at the point of a revolver. After disarming the man the policeman was compelled to turn his revolver upon a crowd of excited men who wanted to lynch the prisoner.

The shooting was the result of a dispute between negroes over a crap game. The prisoner, William Butler, started the trouble by taking possession of the disputed stake and making off into the street. The other players gave chase and shooting began. The streets were crowded with women and children. One of the pursuers finally overhauled Butler and grappled with him. It is alleged that Butler demanded his release and upon the refusal of his captor, Dean Evans, to let go, Butler fired twice, one of the bullets piercing Evan's heart. There was a panic in the neighborhood among the white persons who were witnesses of the killing and a lively chase ensued. Butler would have escaped, however, had not the trolley car been used.

IN HONOR OF COLUMBUS.

New York, Oct. 5.--Italian residents of this city are preparing for a big parade October 12 in honor of Christopher Columbus. It is expected that fully 5000 men will be in line. The line of march will cover the entire length of Manhattan.

Henry Lang, of the Portland firm of Lang & Company, was registered at the Occident yesterday.

READY TO START FOR THE EAST

Members of Delegation Gather at Portland Preparatory to The Washington Journey.

Senator Fulton Leaves at Once While Mr. Williamson Goes On the 20th.

PROMINENT MEN SAW THEM

Dame Rumor Has It That the Clackamas Statesman Would Succeed United States District Attorney Hall.

Portland, Oct. 5.--(Special)--Senator C. W. Fulton stopped off in Portland today on his way to Washington, D. C., to attend the prospective special session of congress. Congressman Williamson of the lower house is also here. Senator Fulton will remain over tomorrow and go on to Washington Wednesday.

Congressman Williamson will not leave for the capital before the 20th, as he has to make a visit to Salem and into Grant county before leaving the state. "There is really no necessity of my starting yet anyway," said Mr. Williamson today, "as the call has not yet been issued, and when issued will not call congress together before the 20th."

Messrs. Fulton and Williamson, especially the former, were kept pretty busy today by their constituents and newspaper reporters. George C. Brownell was in evidence and there are persistent rumors that Brownell will be satisfied with nothing less than the appointment as successor to John H. Hall as district attorney. Alex. LaFollette representative, and W. H. Hobson, senator, from Marion county, and ex-Senator Haines, of Washington, shook hands with the men who are soon to be legislating in Washington, but the greater portion of their time was taken by Portland friends. Concerning his letter to Land Commissioner Hermann, published in today's Oregonian, Congressman Williamson said the letter was all right and expressed his sentiments.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE.

Gratifying Showing of the Post Offices of Oregon.

The forthcoming report of the post-office department will show gratifying increases in receipts of the Oregon post offices. During the fiscal year 1903 Astoria jumped from fourth place to third and now leads Baker City. A variety of circumstances combine to make post-office receipts at Astoria small as compared with those of other cities of about the same population. The receipts for 1902 and 1903 of the principal offices of Oregon were as follows:

	1902.	1903.
Portland	\$258,405	\$301,459
Salem	21,222	25,251
Astoria	13,250	15,139
Baker City	13,558	14,974
Pendleton	12,695	13,910
Eugene	11,566	13,242
The Dalles	10,462	10,828
Albany	10,888	10,205

Astoria's increase for the year was more than 14 per cent.

STORM PARALYZES SHIPPING

Southeaster Rages Along Coast and Delays Vessels.

The worst storm of the season has raged for the past two days, the wind at times attaining the velocity of 75 miles an hour. Yesterday Astoria was cut off from communication with the outside world, all telegraph and telephone lines being down. Rain fell in torrents and the weather was so severe that the streets were almost deserted. The storm completely tied up shipping and there were no movements along the waterfront during the day. The British ship Australia was to have been towed up the river yesterday, but she was blown into the middle sands. The vessel is resting easily and is in no danger of being damaged. The steamship Columbia left her dock for San Francisco yesterday, but whether or not she crossed out was not learned, all lines being down. Masters of small steamers said that yesterday was the very worst day they had ever experienced on the river. The waves rolled very high and several fresh water crews are reported to have become sea-sick. No damage has been reported from outside points.

MONTICM ARRIVES.

The French bark Monticm reached port Sunday after a passage of 129 days from Swansea, Wales. She brings a full cargo of 8004 tons of coal, consigned to Kerr, Gifford & Co. It is understood part of the cargo will be discharged here.

The master of the Monticm reports

having spoken on July 30 the French bark Gullonin, in 50 south 88 west. On September 30 he spoke the Italian bark Cavour, in 23 north, 115 west. The Cavour is bound for Astoria from Catalina and will take on a lumber cargo here. He also spoke a three-masted French bark, which he believes to have been the Beranger, bound from Port Los Angeles to Astoria.

LONG TRIP DOWN RIVER.

The German ship Naustros finally arrived down the river after a trip of fully a week. He encountered all the obstructions to navigation in the river and was aground for 48 hours on a bar near the mouth of the Willamette. Forty-five tons of wheat and barley were lightered down for the vessel, and on her arrival the captain had it placed aboard by his men.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Vossburg arrived Sunday, with a raft of 100,000 feet of logs, from Nehalem. She experienced heavy weather and was more than 24 hours in making the trip. Several logs were lost during the blow Saturday night. The steamer Grace Dollar departed Sunday for San Francisco with 200,000 feet of lumber and 421 poles. She took on her cargo at Rainier.

STRICKEN IN CHURCH

New York, Oct. 5.--As he prayed, kneeling in a pew at the church of the Ascension in this city, Hugh McNulty, a wealthy beef merchant, has been stricken by heart failure. He was carried to the vestibule by ushers but a physician found life extinct. The incident caused much excitement among the worshippers.

CHASTISED BY PASSENGERS

Street Car Men Beaten For Resorting to Violence.

Chicago, Oct. 5.--During a fight over transfer slips four men have been beaten, the South Halsted street electric line was stopped more than half an hour, 30 cars were blockaded and the conductor and motorman were threatened by violence by 50 enraged passengers and witnesses.

A girl five years old, daughter of one of the injured men, was principally responsible for passengers assaulting the conductor and motorman. Her screams and pleadings while her father was beaten and knocked from the car by the conductor stirred the onlookers to action. The injured men are Morris and Julius Moses, brothers; Conductor C. M. Brown and Motorman E. Palfin. The child was Florence Moses, daughter of Morris Moses.

Moses, with his daughter and brother, boarded a south-bound Halsted street car and offered Conductor Brown transfers from the north side. Brown refused to accept the transfers and the quarrel started, finally developing into a general fight.

CHANGE IN COMPLAINT EXPLAINED

Attorney Curtis Says It Resulted From a Misunderstanding of a Talk With Harrison Allen.

Supposed the State Counsel Had Given His Consent to the Change.

NEW COMPLAINT TO BE FILED

Mr. Allen Appointed Guardian of the Defendant Pending Trial--Scoggins Is Brought Up.

In the circuit court yesterday afternoon C. J. Curtis made explanation of the manner in which the complaint in the divorce case of Andrew Hansen vs. Mary Hansen, the latter an insane person, came to be altered after being filed. Mr. Curtis recited that he had a conversation with District Attorney Allen about the matter, during which he gained the impression that Mr. Allen would agree to the filing of an amended complaint, as frequently interested parties confer about such matters. Mr. Curtis said he had no idea of wrongdoing and made full explanation. Mr. Allen stated to the court that Mr. Curtis had certainly misunderstood him, as he had intended opposing the suit on the grounds of insanity. He examined the plaintiff and his daughter in court.

The court appointed Mr. Allen guardian of the defendant pending trial of the case, and granted to Mr. Curtis an opportunity to file an amended complaint. Mr. Allen will probably oppose the suit, because insanity is not a ground for divorce, under a ruling handed down by Judge McBride.

Arthur Scoggins was brought into court and, by his attorney, F. D. Winston, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of malicious destruction of property. The court fixed his bonds at \$500, or agreed to release him on \$250 cash bail. Judge Winston stated that his client would probably furnish bail by the end of the week.

Judge McBride said yesterday that it would be impossible to try the case at the present term of the circuit court, but that it would go over until the February term.



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